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SUBJ: CODEL PERCY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE

SENATOR PERCY ASKS THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED ALSO TO

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SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE - PAT HOLT

NADINE JACOBSEN, SENATOR PERCY'S OFFICE

GEORGE BUSH

1. CODEL REPORTS AS FOLLOWS ON APRIL 20 MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT MACHEL IN MAPUTO BASED ON DR. PETER POOLE NOTES.

(MEETINGS WITH NYERERE AND KAUNDA REPORTED SEPTTEL.)

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DE PREE, MRS. PERCY, DR. POOLE

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AND ACTING FORMIN PRESENT, LASTED ABOUT 50 MINUTES. WAS

ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 1100 APRIL 19, BUT CODEL UNABLE
ARRIVE IN MOZAMBIQUE UNTIL 1230. FACT THAT MACHEL
RESCHEDULED IT ONLY AN HOUR OR TWO BEFORE PRESIDENT
KAUNDA'S ARRIVAL ON STATE VISIT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT
INDICATION OF INTEREST IN U.S. POLICY.

2. MACHEL IMPRESSED CODEL AS FORCEFUL, TOUGH-MINDED,
INTELLIGENT, TOTALLY DEDICATED; A CHARISMATIC
PERSONALITY. BUT JUDGING FROM INEFFICIENTLY-RUN
GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY A BETTER REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLA
LEADER THAN PEACE TIME ADMINISTRATOR NOT UNLIKE CODEL
IMPRESSION OF SHEIKH RAHMAN OF BANGLADESH.

3. SENATOR PERCY OPENED BY ACKNOWLEDGING GREAT
SACRIFICES OF GOM AND ITS PEOPLE AND SUBSEQUENT
ECONOMIC LOSS IN CLOSING RHODESIAN BORDER - THUS PUTTING
PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE FOR BLACK RHODESIANS AHEAD OF
THEIR OWN FINANCIAL SELF-INTEREST. SENATOR SAID U.S.
PLACING HIGH PRIORITY ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS AS EXEMPLIFIED
BY SECSTATE CURRENT VISIT. SAME IS TRUE OF U.S. SENATE.
ASKED WHAT IN MACHEL'S JUDGMENT SHOULD U.S. DO TO HELP IN
COMMON GOAL OF REPLACING ILLEGAL GOR WITH MAJORITY RULE
REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

4. MACHEL DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON ALLEGED CONTRADICTIONS
BETWEEN U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AND U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY.
THE FORMER, HE SAID, IS REPRESENTED BY CONGRESS (AND
FAVORABLE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS), WHILE THE LATTER
TENDS TO QUOTE ALWAYS BE ON THE LOSING SIDE UNQUOTE.
MACHEL DIGRESSED AT LENGTH ON RECENT PAST SITUATION
IN ANGOLA, BUT GAVE FOLLOWING POSITION ON RHODESIA:
IT IS GOOD THAT THE U.S. HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT
OF MOZAMBIQUE'S ACTION IN CLOSING BORDER WITH
RHODESIA, BUT U.S. MUST DO MORE. U.S. MUST NOT
REPEAT ITS ERROR IN ANGOLA OF CREATING OR
SUPPORTING BOGUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THAT ARE
UNDER WESTERN OR SOUTH AFRICAN INFLUENCE. U.S.
MUST NOT BE OBSESSED WITH POSSIBLE COMMUNIST
INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA, BECAUSE THIS APPROACH CAN
LEAD TO CREATION OF SITUATION WE ALL SEEK TO AVOID
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IN WHICH SOVIETS AND CUBANS MAY FEEL TEMPTED OR EVEN
COMPELLED TO INTERVENE. MOZAMBIQUE DOES NOT WANT A
LARGE COMMUNIST MILITARY PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE
OR IN RHODESIA. WE WON OUR WAR WITHOUT THEM. U.S.
SHOULD TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES TO DISSUADE SOUTH AFRICA
FROM INTERVENING IN RHODESIA. CODEL EMPHASIZED THAT
CONGRESS HAS TOTAL CONFIDENCE IN AMBASSADOR DE PREE
AND WILL SUPPORT FULLY ALL REASONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS

OF AMBASSADOR, SECSTATE AND PRESIDENT FORD REGARDING OFFSET AID TO MOZAMBIQUE. SENATOR PERCY EXPRESSED AGAIN STRON SUPPORT FOR EARLY MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND STATED HIS INTENT TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION FOR REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT. WE ASKED MACHEL WHAT OTHER STEPS HE THOUGHT U.S. SHOULD TAKE REGARDING RHODESIA.

5. AT DIFFERENT POINTS, MACHEL SAID U.S. AND U.K. TOGETHER WERE KEY TO RHODESIAN SITUATION AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS KEY. HE CLAIMS TO BELIEVE U.S. AND U.K. ARE KEY TO DISSUADING VORSTER FROM INTERVENING. HE SAID THAT VORSTER'S INSTINCT IS TO INTERVENE ACTIVELY IN RHODESIA TO ASSURE THE VICTORY OF WHITE SIDE IN BLACK-WHITE WAR. HE PLAINLY HAS MUCH LESS BELIEF IN VORSTER'S POTENTIALLY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN RHODESIA THAN KAUNDA HAS. MACHEL'S MAIN INTEREST IN REGARD TO VORSTER IS TO HAVE WESTERN POWERS HURT HIS AIMS WHICH MACHEL CALLS QUOTE EXPANSIONIST AND RACIST UNQUOTE. IN SHORT, WHAT MACHEL ASKS OF U.S. CONCERNING RHODESIA IS APPARENTLY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANIZING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA BY ALL POWERS TO INSTITUTE ECONOMIC PRESSURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA TO COMPLETE ISOLATION OF RHODESIA. HE SAID THIS WOULD MAKE IAN SMITH COME TO TERMS IN SIX MONTHS. MACHEL STATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE A RACE WAR IN RHODESIA WITH INNOCENT WHITES BEING KILLED SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE WHITE.

6. REGARDING U.S. ROLE IN ANGOLA, MACHEL ARGUED AT SOME LENGTH THAT IT HAD BEEN AIMED AT KEEPING PORTUGUESE IN POWER. SENATOR PERCY SAID HE WAS NOT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT BUT IF PRESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MACHEL WOULD WANT DOCUMENTATION HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVE THAT AT LEAST SINCE 1971 THE USG HAS EXERTED PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL TO RECOGNIZE THE REALITIES OF LIFE, TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE DAYS OF COLONIALISM ARE OVER AND THAT WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT PORTUGAL SHOULD TURN OVER IN AN ORDERLY WAY THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT TO THE MAJORITY AS THE UK HAD DONE IN INDIA YEARS BEFORE. CODEL REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE QUIET WORK OF THE US HAD BEEN EFFECTIVE JUST AS IS HIS HOPE THAT THE SAME TRANSITION CAN TAKE PLACE IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. SENATOR PERCY ADDED THAT U.S. POLICY HAD BEEN AIMED AT CREATING GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA TO HELP INSURE THAT ALL ELEMENTS WOULD BE REPRESENTED.

7. MACHEL SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAD ALSO WANTED A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AND LEAST POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA - BEFORE SOUTH AFRICA INTERVENED. THIS ACTION CHANGED POLITICAL CHARACTER OF THE WAR IN ANGOLA COMPLETELY AND ACTUALLY SHORTENED THE WAR IRONICALLY BY CRYSTALLIZING SUPPORT FOR MPLA AMONG THE BLACK AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

8. SENATOR PERCY REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT AFRICAN NATIONS ARE WELL AWARE OF HISTORY OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF NATIONAL MOTIVATIONS AND ARE NOT ABOUT TO SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER FORM OF COLONIALISM FOR AN OLD FORM OF THE BURDEN WHICH WAS BORNE FOR SO MANY YEARS. HE PROMISED TO MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIONS TO PM VORSTER ON THE NECESSITY OF COOPERATING TO ISOLATE THE ILLEGAL GOVERNMENT OF IAN SMITH TO PREVENT MISCONCEPTIONS, MISCALCULATIONS AND UNNECESSARY BLOODSHED. THIS WOULD SERVE THE LONG-RANGE INTERESTS OF VIRTUALLY EVERYONE.

9. THE MEETING WAS UNHURRIED, CORDIAL AND SEEMED TO GO BETTER THAN CODEL EXPECTED IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN AN AVOWED MARXIST AND AN AVOWED CAPITALIST. BOWDLER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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